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SUBJECT: JAPAN

PREPARES TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA

1. JAPANESE CHARGE TOLD ECONCOUNSELOR SEPTEMBER 18 THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADOR MATSUI, WHO ASSIGNED LAGOS, WAS AWAY FROM POST IN ANGOLA. TRIP WAS "CONFIDENTIAL" AND WAS CONNECTED WITH JAPANESE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA. FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED TO COME SOON, BUT WAS BEING DELAYED MORE BY "BUREAUCRATIC AND FISCAL REASONS" THAN BY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

2. CHARGE FURTHER COMMENTED THAT NETHERLANDS REPRESENTATIVES HAD ALSO RECENTLY BEEN IN ANGOLA TO MAKE SIMILAR SOUNDINGS. DUTCH, HOWEVER, CAME AWAY EMPTY HANDED, A FACT DUE IN JAPANESE VIEW PRIMARILY TO BUREAUCRATIC FUMBLING ON PART OF ANGOLESE. EASUM

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